

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please ADD claims 30 and 31 as shown below.

1. (Previously Presented) Method for automatically configuring supervision and performing supervision in a supervision system comprising  
a supervision center;  
a supervision block which contains processes performing supervision tasks,  
said method comprising the steps of:  
monitoring and/or controlling via the supervision center the supervision block processes performing supervision tasks,  
wherein the method comprises the following steps:  
the processes performing supervision tasks in the supervision block of the supervision system and/or the objects monitored by them are registered in the supervision center automatically as the processes in the supervision block become ready for operation; and  
information about the processes in the supervision block and/or about the services produced by them and/or about the objects monitored is saved in the supervision center in conjunction with the registration, and  
wherein the supervision block process performing a supervision task determines the address of the supervision center via a name service.

2. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the supervision system is a telephone switching system.
3. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein a supervision block process performing supervision tasks comprises a communication interface through which operational commands are received from the supervision center.
4. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the state of a registered supervision block process performing a supervision task is checked before an action request is sent to it.
5. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the supervision center comprises a user interface via which the supervision center and/or the supervision block processes performing supervision tasks are controlled.
6. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the supervision center comprises an interface for receiving the registration data when supervision block processes performing supervision tasks are registered in the supervision center.
7. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the result of the supervision block process performing a supervision task is sent to the supervision center.

8. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the registrations of the supervision block processes are stored in a supervision file in the supervision center.

9. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the operation of the supervision block process performing a supervision task is verified in conjunction with the registration and an alarm is issued if

the supervision block process performing a supervision task does not produce a response to a test command.

10. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein an alarm is issued if

the response produced by the supervision block process performing a supervision task is inaccurate;

and/or

no supervision block processes performing supervision tasks are registered at all;

and/or

the number of test cases in the supervision file is lower after a restart of the system.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) Method as defined claim 1, wherein the supervision file contains the address and/or identifier and/or test parameters and/or initial values of test parameters of the supervision block process performing a supervision task and/or other information.

13. (Previously Presented) Method as defined claim 1, wherein a registering supervision block process performing a supervision task contains one or more objects of monitoring.

14. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein a supervision block process performing a supervision task that impairs the normal operation of the telephone switching center shall not register in the supervision center.

15. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the supervision system comprises one or more supervision centers in operation.

16. (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the supervision block process performing a supervision task and/or the maintenance of the monitoring object of the process are/is discontinued and the respective entry is deleted from the supervision file.

17. (Previously Presented) System for automatically configuring supervision and performing supervision in a supervision system comprising

a supervision center;

a supervision block which contains processes performing supervision tasks,

which method comprises the steps of:

monitoring and/or controlling via the supervision center the supervision block processes performing supervision tasks,

wherein the system comprises:

means for automatically registering in the supervision center the objects monitored by the supervision block processes performing tasks of supervision of the operation of the supervision system;

means for saving information relating to the processes performing supervision tasks and/or to the services produced by them in the supervision center in conjunction with registration; and

means for determining the address of the supervision center via a name service.

18. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the supervision system is a telephone switching system.

19. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for receiving operational commands via the communication interface of the supervision block process performing supervision tasks.

20. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for checking the state of a registered supervision block process performing a supervision task before an action request is sent to it.

21. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for controlling the supervision center and/or the supervision block processes performing supervision tasks via the user interface of the supervision center.

22. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for receiving the registrations of supervision block processes performing supervision tasks via an interface.

23. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for sending the result of the supervision block process performing a supervision task to the supervision center.

24. (Amended) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for storing the registrations of the supervision block processes in a supervision file in the supervision center.

25. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises:

means for verifying the operation of the supervision block process performing a supervision task; and

means for issuing an alarm.

26. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for analyzing the results associated with the processes performing supervision tasks.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises one or more supervision centers in operation.

29. (Previously Presented) System as defined in claim 17, wherein the system comprises means for discontinuing a supervision block process performing a supervision task and/or the maintenance of an object monitored by the process and for deleting the respective entry from the supervision file.

30. (New) Method as defined in claim 1, wherein the performing supervision tasks comprises performing testing of a system that the supervision system supervises.

31. (New) System as defined in claim 17, wherein at least one of the processes in the supervision block is configured to test a system that the supervision supervises.